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**MEMORANDUM FOR** : Special Assistant to the Director  
for Planning and Development

**SUBJECT** : Photographic Supplies, Processing and  
Exploitation Equipment for Project CORONA

**REFERENCES** (a) : Meeting at FIC with representatives from  
DPS, FIC, ITEX, Eastman and Lockheed.

(b) : Memo for SA/PD/DCI, dtd 9 Dec.1958,  
COR-0272, Subject: Equipment Programming  
and Anticipated Costs, Project C.

(c) : Memo for SA/PD/DCI, dtd 12 Dec.1958,  
COR-0273, Subject: Evaluation of FIC  
Equipment List.

(d) : Technical Proposal from ITEX, Subject:  
Proposal on a Ground Data Handling System,  
dtd 28 Nov.1958, COR-0249.

(e) : Memo for SA/PD/DCI, dtd 12 Dec.1958,  
COR-0275, Subject: FIC, ITEX Proposals  
for Exploitation Equipment.

(f) : Meeting between DPS and FIC personnel on  
16 Dec.1958, Subject as above.

1. This Memorandum contains a series of recommendations submitted for approval of the Special Assistant to the Director for Planning and Development. Such recommendations are set forth in Paragraph 7.

2. In the course of the last few weeks, several meetings have been held and exchanges of both written and verbal information has been made between you, members of the DPS Staff, FIC, and various contractors. The references cited above represent certain of the events which took place. As a result of these

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events, revisions have been made to the program as originally proposed at the Reference (a) meeting. In view of this, a meeting, Reference (f), was held at Project Headquarters to review the entire Program again in light of certain decisions and revised proposals and to come up with a firm program and to recommend courses of action to be taken by various groups to accomplish it. The results and recommendations generated at this meeting are set forth herein.

3. Reference (b) set forth PIC's three categories of requirements for exploitation equipment. TAB A as a minimum, TAB B as the preferred, and TAB C as a maximum. You have informed the Director of Development and Procurement of your approval of the TAB A requirements. Exhibit No. 1 to this Memorandum sets forth those items which must be procured to meet this requirement and their estimated cost. Exhibit No. 1 also indicates which organization will actually write the contract and the proposed source. These Exhibits reflect the latest proposals received from all contractors and the combined recommendations of PIC and DPS personnel. In order to implement the Office of Logistics procurement and maintain Project security, it is proposed that the Comptroller, DPS, transfer Project CORONA funds in the amount of [ ] to the Budget Officer, PIC. This activity will have technical responsibility and will issue requisitions for the required equipment to O/L who will negotiate and administer the contracts. These contracts will be on an overt basis and will eliminate the Special Project Clearance of several new contractors. No tie-in with the Project within or outside the Agency will be necessary. Contracts, DPS will negotiate and administer contracts for the items indicated with ITEK and Eastman as sources. The total estimated cost for these equipments is [ ]. The combined total of proposed O/L and DPS procurement is [ ] and the DPS procurement is broken down by company as follows:

ITEK  
Eastman

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It is recommended that the proposed amounts and procedures outlined above and in Exhibit No. 1 be approved.

4. In addition to the above equipment, all of which is to be installed in the PIC, the materials and supplies listed in Exhibit No. 2 must be procured from Eastman either for operational use or processing of "take" at Eastman. The total estimated cost

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for this portion of the Program is [redacted] It is proposed that Contracts, DPG negotiate and administer the required contracts with Eastman for these items. It is recommended that the amounts and the procedure outlined above and in Exhibit No. 2 be approved.

5. Based upon the above, the total estimated cost for the processing and exploitation portion of the CORONA Program is [redacted] However, as noted in Exhibit No. 1, the estimate of [redacted] for Item 14 is PIC's. It is entirely possible that ITK may present a higher proposed cost.

6. The probability of other members of the Intelligence Community desiring to contribute dollars and/or to concurrently procure additional quantities of exploitation equipment was also discussed. The following recommendation and courses of action were proposed:

- (a) To proceed with the procurement of equipment for PIC without delay.
- (b) PIC will submit names of persons from the Air Force, Navy, and Army, for CORONA clearances. These persons are of the type who will be able to determine what and how much of these equipments will be required at their respective PI Centers.
- (c) When required individuals are cleared, a briefing will be given by PIC and a proposal that these groups combine their requirements with ours to achieve better prices and to also bear a portion of the Development Costs.
- (d) Depending upon their requirements, if any, it is anticipated that some may be added to O/L and DPG contracts which will be active by then and appropriate adjustment in prices can be made for quantity orders and R&D sharing.

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7. Approval to implement the courses of action and to obligate the amounts outlined above is recommended.

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Director of D and P, DPS

ATTACHMENTS (2)

CONCURRENCES:

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Comptroller, DPS

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funds may be  
located*

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Security Officer, DPS

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Operations, DPS

Approvals requested in  
Paragraphs 3, 4 and 6, granted.

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